

Press Release

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National Preservation Month

“This May, National Preservation Month takes on a new meaning. As the United States marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we are looking to the places that bring its most powerful promise to life, and to the preservationists making sure those places endure.”

The National Trust for Historic Preservation

To celebrate Preservation Month, the commissioners have arranged an exhibit at the Lauvstad Center, 710 Davis Avenue, in Corning’s Commercial Historic District that will be on display to the end of May. The exhibit recognizes the Andrew and Samuel McGaffin who from the 1890’s to the 1960’s assisted in the growth of the Corning/Adams County area through the construction of 25 homes and commercial buildings. Their construction company, McGaffin Carpenter Shop, was located at 505 Davis Avenue. They were also active in the community’s daily life by serving on the city council, as a superintendent of their church and as a volunteer with the fire department. The family has donated to the community Andrew and Samuel’s hand-made tool chests that are the heart of the exhibit. A Treasure Hunt game has also been developed to challenge visitors to the exhibit to go out into the community, locate the buildings and match them to the correct addresses.

Join with the Adams County Historic Preservation Commission as they celebrate the historic sites, neighborhoods, and landmarks that tell the Adams County story—places that remind us of how far we've come and how far we still have to go.

The End

